

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 30-54 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 39 are rejected. Claims 1, 8, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 39 have been amended for clarification. Claims 1-28 and 30-54 remain pending. Claims 18-23, 32, 34-38 and 40-54 are allowed. Claims 2-17, 25, 26 and 28 are objected to. For the reasons set forth fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicant includes a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the deadline for filing a response by one (1) month from March 31, 2005 to April 30, 2005.

35 USC §101 Rejections

The Examiner states:

Claims 1, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is not supported by either an asserted watermarking utility or a well established utility. The Applicant claims no mechanism for detection of input sequence or mechanism for detecting a watermark.

Claims 1, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Specifically, since the claimed invention is not supported by either a watermarking utility or a well established utility for the reasons set forth above one skilled in the art clearly would not know how to use the claimed invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 24, 27, 30, 31, 33 and 39 have been amended to include recognizer as the mechanism for detection of an input sequence or mechanism for detecting a watermark. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 has been overcome since the mechanism for detection in an input sequence and/or a mechanism for detecting a watermark is recited. Furthermore, Applicant submits that the claims are now clear and definite and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been overcome.

Conclusion

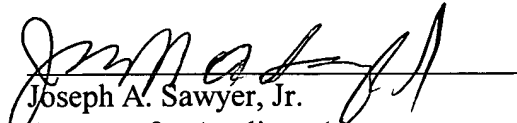
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-28 and 30-54 as now presented.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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